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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A pair of scissors comprising two elements rotationally movably assembled in a hinge, the orientation of said elements being substantially in a first plane essentially perpendicular to the axis of said hinge and said movement relative to each other from a closed position to an open position taking place substantially in said first plane, each of said elements having a blade and an arm, said blades and said arms having hinge ends defined by said hinge and distal ends, said blades being an upper blade and a lower blade in a position of use, said blades having cutting edges and back edges, each of said arms terminating in a structure configured to accommodate a finger of the user, both of said blades being curved out of said first plane such that said cutting edges are curved sideways relative to said arms, said back edge of said upper blade being straight along a second plane substantially perpendicular to said first plane when said scissors are in a closed position, said back edge having ~~with~~ a distal end with ~~thereof having~~ a nose part in line therewith and protruding a

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first distance from the distal end of the cutting edge of the upper blade, said nose part having a lower surface generally parallel with said straight back edge and spaced a second distance from, and in a direction generally perpendicular to, the cutting edge of the lower blade in a ~~a~~ said closed position of the scissors.

11. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein a distal edge of said upper blade below said nose and extending said second distance is oriented to be substantially perpendicular to said upper blade back edge.

12. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein said upper and lower blades have a difference of lengths, the lower blade being the longer blade.

13. (Currently Amended) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein said structure for accommodating the user's finger on each of said two arms is a ring, said rings in a closed position of the scissors ~~define~~ defining a first angle defined by lines from said hinge point as tangents to said rings, said blades having a general direction represented by a first line, said arms having a general direction indicated by a second line defined as the

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bisecting line of said first angle, said lines making a second angle large enough to place both of said rings entirely on the same side of an extension of said first direction line of said blades.

14. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein a main part of said lower blade tapers toward said distal end which is provided with a rounded bulb.

15. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 14, wherein said bulb is joined with said tapered main part at a point generally aligned with a base of said nose part in a closed position of the scissors.

16. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein said back edge of said lower blade is provided with a chamfer inwardly.

17. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein said back edge of said lower blade is provided with an inwardly placed rounding.

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18. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein at least one of said cutting edges is provided with a non-slip surface.

19. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein at least one of said cutting edges makes an angle of less than 75° with said plane.

20. (Currently Amended) A pair of scissors comprising two elements rotationally movably assembled in a hinge, the orientation of said elements being substantially in a first plane essentially perpendicular to the axis of said hinge and said movement relative to each other from a closed position to an open position taking place substantially in said first plane, each of said elements having a blade and an arm, said blades and said arms having hinge ends defined by said hinge and distal ends, said blades being an upper blade and a lower blade in a position of use, said blades having cutting edges and back edges, each of said arms terminating in a structure configured to accommodate a finger of the user, both of said blades being curved out of said first plane such that said cutting edges are curved sideways relative to said arms, said upper blade having a straight back edge along a second plane

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substantially perpendicular to said first plane when said scissors are in a closed position, said upper blade and being shorter than said lower blade, a distal end of said straight back edge having a nose part in line therewith and protruding a first distance from the distal end of the cutting edge of the upper blade, and said lower blade having a length extending beyond said nose part in said a closed position of the scissors.

21. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 20, wherein said nose part has a lower surface generally parallel with said straight back edge and spaced a second distance from, and in a direction generally perpendicular to, the cutting edge of the lower blade in a closed position of the scissors.

22. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 21 wherein a distal edge of said upper blade below said nose and extending said second distance is oriented to be substantially perpendicular to said upper blade back edge.

23. (Currently Amended) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein said distal end of said back edge of said upper

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blade stands a distance above said cutting edge of said lower blade in a the closed position of the scissors.

24. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein a main part of said lower blade tapers toward said distal end which is provided with a rounded bulb.

25. (Currently Amended) The pair of scissors according to claim 24, wherein said bulb is joined with said tapered main part at a point generally aligned with a base of said nose part in a the closed position of the scissors.

26. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein said back edge of said lower blade is provided with a chamfer inwardly.

27. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein said back edge of said lower blade is provided with an inwardly placed rounding.

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28. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein at least one of said cutting edges is provided with a non-slip surface.

29. (Previously Presented) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein at least one of said cutting edges makes an angle of less than 75° with said plane.